Export of sandalwool and Sandalwood products in the form of loos, timber, sandalwood products is permitted as per dust, pulp and charcoal is prohibited.

However, export of Sandalwood in the form of Handicrafts and machine made samdiwood products is permitted as per the Export and Import Policy, 1992-97.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Violation of RBI instructions by Vijaya Bank

*488. SHRI MATANG SINGH: Will the Minister cf FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the poor financial position of the Vijaya Bank, the Reserve Bank of India had asked the Vijaya Bank not to give advances to private parties during 1990-92;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that contrary *to* these instructions,, the former Chairman of the Vijaya Bank granted advanced of several crores to various parties;

(c) if so, what are the details of the advances given to the various parties; and

(d) whether any action is being contemplated against the former Chairman for violation of RBI instructions, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY , OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Vijaya Bank has reported that there was no instruction from the Reserve Bank of India (RBl) debarring it from giving advances to private parties during 1990-92. RBI had. however, advised the bank to contain credit expansion. The Bank's gross credit as on 31st March, 1991 was Rs. 1785.49 crores and it has come down to Rs. 1651.56 crores as on 31st March, 1992.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Overhauling of IA aircraft

*489. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines fleet suffers from acute backlog of overhauling of aircraft;

(b) if so, the number of aircraft plying without due overhauling; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to complete the overhauling at the earliest 1o avoid accidents?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of thermal power Station in district Ballia

*490. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA.
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV.

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of a thermal power station in Belthra Road, District Ballia, U.P.; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The Feasibility Report for installation of 3X250 MW Belthara Road Thermal Power Project in the State Sector in District Ballia, 'U.P. was received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) from UP Statt Electricity Board (UPSEB) in November, 1991.

The project could not be considered for tech no-economic clearance by the CEA in the absence of essential linkages and clearances such as coal linkage, water availability, associated transmission system, compliance of Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1946, clearance

from the Central as well as State authorities from environmental angle. It is for the State Electricity Board to ensure that these are tied up first.

Inspection by RBl into accounts of, banks involved in Securities Scant

491. SHRI KRISHAN LAI. SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 81 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th July, 1992 and stale:

(a) what are the dates of inspection of accounts of the banks involved in the securities scam by the Reserve Bank of India during 1990 and 1991;

(b) whether the inspection reports indicated any irregularity in sale and purchase of securities; if so, gist of inspection reports in case of each bank; and

(c) what action was taken by the banks on these inspection reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has advised that they carried out inspections of the following banks on the dates mentioned there against during the year 1990 & 1991:

Name of the Bank	Date of Inspection
ANZ Grindlays Bank	FIN 25-05-1990
Standard Chartered Bank	FIN 25-01-1991
State Bank of India	AFR 31-03-1990 Management Audit 1991
State Bank of Saurashtra	AFR 31-03-1990 AFR 31-03-1991
Bank of Karad	FIN 29-06-1990

lAFR: ANNUA!. FINANCIAL REVIEW IN: FINANCIAL INSPECTION) Reserve Bank of India conducts Financial Inspection (FIN) and Annual Financial Review (AFR) of Banks. The inspection reports are forwarded to the respective banks for their information and such corrective steps to be taken by them to bring about the desired improvements in banks working. RBl has intimated that detailed discussions were held with the concerned banks in regard to the inspection findings including the deficiencies in securities operations and the banks were clearly advised to comply with the Reserve Bank instructions.

बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश में बौद्ध और जैन स्थलों का विकास

*492. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश में बौद्ध और जैन स्थलों के विकास के लिए सरकार ने पर्यटन की कोई विशेष कार्य योजना बनाई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और उक्त दोनों राज्यों में जैन और बौद्ध पर्यटन स्थानों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया): (क) और (ख) जापान के विदेशी आर्थिक सहयोग कोष की सहायता से, बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश के राज्यों में बौद्ध परिपथ के विकास हेतु एक स्कीम कार्यान्वित की जा रही है । इस परियोजना में उत्तर प्रदेश में कुशीनगर, पिपरहवा, सारनाथ तथा श्रावस्ती और बिहार में बोध गया, नालन्दा, राजगीर